

Subject: Lincoln medal

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Nov. 15, 1921.

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

It occurs to us that you may be able to give us information of a Lincoln medal, a rub-off of which we enclose, that is, we would like to get any information that you can supply concerning it. The inscription reads -

DÉDIÉ PAR LA DÉMOCRATIE FRANÇAISE À LINCOLN
PRÉSIDENT DEUX FOIS ÉLU DES ÉTATS-UNIS

As you probably know, it appears on the cover, in blind, on our Schurz's LINCOLN.

Will you also kindly let us know what appears on the obverse side of the medal?

Awaiting your reply, we are,

Very truly yours,

Houghton Mifflin Company.

JAS/I

J. A. Starky



November 17th, 1921

Houghton Mifflin Company
The Riverside Press
Cambridge, Mass.

Attention - Mr. J. A. Starkey

Dear Sir:

Your favour of November 15th concerning a Lincoln medal at hand. We know of a medal very similar to this but size 83 mm., and with the lettering a trifle larger as well as a nude rather than draped bust. The inscription is the same, and the Reverse has a winged figure of Hope on left and two negroes on right of an altar with a pointed top. The altar is inscribed -

LINCOLN L'HONNETE HOMME ABOLIT L'ESCLAVAGE
RETABLIT L'UNION SAUVA LA REPUBLIQUE SANS
VIOLER LA STATUE DE LA LIBERTE IL FUT
ASSASSINE LE 14 AVRIL 1865.

I am enclosing a rubbing on both sides.

This medal was struck by Franky Magniadas. And a medal in gold was given to the widow of Abraham Lincoln by a Committee representing 40,000 French citizens who desired through this medium to express their sympathy for the American Union and one of its most illustrious representatives. The funds were raised by popular subscription and were limited to two sous for each person. As the Emperor Napoleon III would not allow the medal to be struck in France, after some delay the dies were sent to Switzerland where the medals were struck. Impressions in bronze, and possibly silver, are known.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E
Enc.



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Nov. 18, 1921.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th and 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Attention, Mr. Howland Wood, Curator.

Dear Sir:

Please accept our thanks for the prompt and careful attention which you have given to our query regarding the Lincoln medal. We feel very confident that yours and ours is one and the same medal, since our reproduction (on a book) was reduced.

We have passed the information along to our customer, and referred him to you if further light is desired on the question.

With renewed thanks, we are,

Very truly yours,

Houghton Mifflin Company.

JAS/I

J. F. Starkey